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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Vivian E. Mack Strong et al.)
Serial No. : 09/782,936)
Cnfrm. No. : 1665)
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For : USE OF COX-2 INHIBITORS TO TREAT)
SEPSIS, COMPLICATIONS THEREOF, AND)
EP RECEPTOR MODULATION)

Examiner: Frederick F. Krass
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RESPONSE TO COMMUNICATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In response to the February 2, 2004, communication from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ("PTO"), applicants hereby elect the method of treating patients at risk for systemic inflammatory response syndrome. In addition, applicants confirm the election of sepsis as the sub-modality. These elections are made with traverse. It is submitted that all of the identified groups of invention and species are closely related and, therefore, can be searched and examined together without undue burden on the PTO. Accordingly, it is submitted that the restriction requirement/election of species requirement should be withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,

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